

ABSTRACT

A gene expressed specifically in mesangial cells. A DNA
expressed specifically in mesangial cells; a protein encoded by
5 this DNA; an antibody binding to this protein, etc. These
substances are indigenous to mesangial cells and, therefore,
useful in, for example, identifying mesangial cells and detecting
abnormalities in mesangial cells. Moreover, the above protein
would be helpful for clarification of the functions of masangial
10 cells and, in its turn, for clarification of the causes of diseases
relating to masangial cells. This protein is expectedly
applicable to the treatment and diagnosis of diseases relating
to masangial cells.

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